

STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS

Applicant calls to attention Applicants' co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, specifically Serial No. 10/776,086, now United States Patent No. 7,380,892, filed February 10, 2004, which is a continuation-in-part of the present application; Serial No. 11/672,151, filed February 7, 2007, which is a continuation-in-part of the present application; and Serial No. 12/708,062, filed February 18, 2010, which is a continuation of the present application.

During prosecution of one or more of the co-pending applications, the following documents were referenced:

| U.S. Patent Document No. | Publication Date | Name of Patentee of Cited Document |
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| 1368652 | Feb 1, 1921 | Pennington et al. |
| 2345158 | Mar 1, 1944 | Schroter et al. |
| 2753190 | Jul 1, 1956 | Hooven |
| 3275386 | Sep 1, 1966 | Eugen Bexten |
| 3292943 | Dec 1, 1966 | Crockett |
| 3333867 | Aug 1, 1967 | Schultze |
| 3343889 | Sep 1, 1967 | Eugen Bexten |
| 3455405 | Jul 1, 1969 | Parent Pierre |
| 3506079 | Apr 1, 1970 | Madler et al. |
| 3556455 | Jan 1, 1971 | Storm |
| 3565198 | Feb 1, 1971 | Ames |
| 3951483 | Apr 1, 1976 | Nakamura |
| 4087135 | May 1, 1978 | Unruh |
| 4166511 | Sep 1, 1979 | Stedman, Robert N. |
| 4420272 | Dec 1, 1983 | Ingalls et al. |
| 4681177 | Jul 1, 1987 | Zborowski |
| 4781257 | Nov 1, 1988 | Gee et al. |
| 4932677 | Jun 1, 1990 | Shustack |
| 4936639 | Jun 1, 1990 | Pohjola |
| 4940002 | Jul 1, 1990 | Bien |
| 5127714 | Jul 1, 1992 | Satzler |

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| 5168632 | Dec 1, 1992 | Rimlinger, Jr. |
| 5286044 | Feb 1, 1994 | Satzler et al. |
| 5312176 | May 1, 1994 | Crabb, Elmer R. |
| 5409305 | Apr 1, 1995 | Nagorcka |
| 5639148 | Jun 1, 1997 | Sheidler, Alan D. |
| 5899543 | May 1, 1999 | Lykken et al. |
| 5927412 | Jul 1, 1999 | Crabb |
| 5988775 | Nov 1, 1999 | Nordberg |

By this statement, Applicant does not admit that such documents constitute prior art, and does not admit that such documents are material to patentability. In addition, Applicant believes the documents above to be cumulative, redundant and already of record in related applications. In accordance with MPEP § 609.04(b)(IV), Applicant respectfully requests the above documents merely be placed in the application file.

REMARKS

A Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification was issued on May 5, 2010. This amendment is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, however after payment of the issue fee, to address the May 5, 2010 notice.

In this paper, the Detailed Description, and specifically the Summary of Drawings, has been amended to add new Paragraph [0023], which provides a brief description of FIG. 16.

In addition, Applicant provides a Statement of Relatedness, which identifies Applicant's co-pending patent applications and documents which were referenced in same.

No new matter has been introduced by the Amendment to the Specification and Statement of Relatedness. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner accept and enter these amendments.

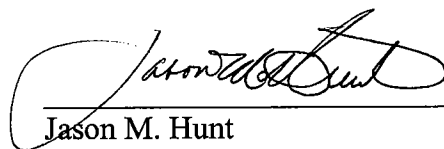
Applicant believes that no fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee not included with this Response to Dorsey & Whitney LLP Deposit Account No. 502498.

If the Examiner requires any additional information or amendment, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned via telephone at 515-283-1000.

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